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HARRISBURG.

THE CONTESTED ELECTION.

Time for Consideration Extended.

DRAWING OF COMMITTEES.

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STATE DELEGATES.

Synopsis of the Contesting Bill.

[Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HARRISBURG, February 13, 1872.

SENATE.

CONTESTED ELECTION AMENDMENT.

Mr. WHITE, from the Judiciary General Committee, reported, with an amendment, the bill for regulating contested elections, reported by the Republican majority of the McClure-Gray Committee yesterday. The amendment simply incorporates Billingfelt's proposition, allowing ten instead of five days after the presentation of the petition to consider the case.

APPEALS.

Mr. WALLACE introduced a bill allowing appeal to the Supreme Court on applications to the lower courts for corporate charters and alterations thereof.

THE CONTESTED ELECTION.

The McClure-Gray discussion was resumed on motion of Mr. WALLACE to draw a committee to-day.

Messrs. BELLINGFELT, MUMMA, BROOKE and WHITE, Republicans, opposed the motion, urging the passage of the bill reported this morning by Mr. White.

Senators WALLACE and DAVIS, Democrats, supported Mr. Wallace's motion.

In the afternoon Mr. Wallace's motion was lost by a partizan tie vote—15 to 15—Mr. Delamater, Republican, being paired with Knight, Democrat, absent.

The Senate this afternoon continued the consideration of the private calendar.

At four o'clock Mr. BILLINGFELT called up his bill extending the time in the McClure Gray contested election case from five to ten days for consideration.

Mr. BUCKALEW, Democrat, moved an amendment reducing the time to eight days. Agreed to, and the bill, as thus amended, was passed finally by a *viva voce* vote, there being no negative vote.

This was Mr. Billingfelt's bill introduced last night.

DRAWING OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. WHITE, Republican, then moved to consider the bill for regulating the drawing of contested election committees, reported this morning, with an amendment announced. This created a debate, but the yeas and nays were called, and the motion was defeated by a partizan tie vote, the Democrats all voting *No*.

The private calendar had proceeded again, when Mr. WHITE again moved to consider this bill. Agreed to to by a *viva voce* vote, there being no negatives.

Mr. BUCKALEW, Democrat, in discussing the bill, said he had no objection to drawing six members of the committee, whilst the seventh might be chosen by some other method; but at present we had a complete law governing the matter, by which we should abide until something better was suggested.

Mr. WHITE, Republican, spoke for the bill, believing that Mr. Buckalew was not so violently opposed to it.

Mr. STRANG (Rep.) urged that in the Dechert case last year the decision was that this body was the proper tribunal to decide whether the necessary preliminaries to the trial existed. The Republicans now proposed a different course to provide a law covering this case, because the act of 1839 evidently does not apply to this case. He denied that the Republicans were fearful of an investigation.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

The action of the Senate to-day simply allows till next Friday night at twelve o'clock to consider McClure's petition, the old method of drawing being still the law.

HOUSE.

HOUSE BILLS PASSED.

Authorizing Wildwood avenue, Allegheny.

Vacating a portion of Chestnut street, Ten pennsylvania.

Vacating Quarry street in Sewickley.

A supplement for the Freehold Bank and Building Association of Pittsburgh.

A supplement for the Western University.

Incorporating the Monongahela Gas Company.

HOUSE BILLS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

Revising, consolidating and amending the health laws of Pittsburgh.

A supplement for the People's Cemetery of Western Pennsylvania.

Incorporating Smith's Ferry Oil Transportation Company of Beaver county.

REGULATING CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

The Senate bill allowing till next Friday night to draw the committee in the McClure case was messaged over.

Mr. WHITE, (Republican) of Allegheny, offered a substitute, embracing the bill regulating contested elections as reported by the Republican majority of the McClure-Gray Committee, and negatived by the Senate to-day.

Messrs. COOPER, LANE, MAHON and GATCHELL, Republicans, opposed the amendment, and Mr. HANCOCK, Republican, favored it. The substitute was lost —yeas 40, nays 48. All the Democrats voted *no* with Messrs. Buckhalder, Fleeger, Gleason, Guss, Henry, Lane, McJunkin, Mahon, Millar, Morford, Purcell, Rogers of Erie, Shuler and Williams, Republicans.

Mr. WHITE then offered another amendment, providing for the election of six members of the contesting committee, each Senator to vote for three; the seventh to be elected by a committee of five, to be appointed by the Speaker, and the counsel retiring and alternately challenging. This was adopted—yeas 51, nays 38. The bill, as amended, was passed to a second reading. On suspending the rules to pass the bill finally, the yeas were 54 and nays 32. It required two thirds to suspend the rules; so that the bill does not pass to-day, and the five days' limit for acting on the case expires to night.

Adjourned till to-morrow.

HARRISBURG, February 13, 1871.

GUBERNATORIAL DELEGATES CHOSEN.

There have been fifty eight delegates chosen to the next Republican State Convention thus far, with the following preferences for Governor: Jordan, 16; Hartranft, 12; Ketchum, 9; White, 6; General Lilley, 3; uninstructed and doubtful, 8.

SYNOPSIS OF THE CONTESTING BILL.

The following is the substance of the bill passed on the second reading in the House this afternoon, with Representative White's amendment. The matter rests here till to-morrow, it being contended by the opponents of McClure that after to-day there can be no committee drawn, and it being urged by the opponents of Gray that it was honorably agreed to by the Senate Republicans that the bill extending the time should pass the House. The bill, after providing that the contesting committee of the Senate shall consist of seven members, each Senator to vote for three persons, and the six Senators having the highest vote to be members of the committee, the seventh to be selected as follows: The Speaker shall appoint a committee of five, who shall immediately make out a list of eleven Senators, which shall be handed to the contestant and the Senator whose seat is contested, who, with their counsel, shall retire and strike from the list alternately, first contestant striking the last who shall strike first, till the name of but one Senator is left therein, who shall be the seventh member of the committee. The same method is prescribed for the House; any petition contesting the seat of a Senator or member, already presented or to be presented within ten days of the swearing in of the Senator or member whose seat is contested, shall be acted on under the provisions of this act within five days after its passage. S.

CONGRESS.

Appropriation Bills.

Our Navy—How We are Prepared for War—The "Little Cloud in the Sky"—Retiring U. S. Judges—Revision of the Mint Laws—Public Buildings, etc., etc.

WASHINGTON, February 13, 1872.

SENATE.

THE POSTAL BILL.

The House Postal bill was made the special order for Friday.

BILLS PASSED.

The bill to imburse soldiers for the loss of clothing in the Chicago fire was passed.

On motion of Mr. SHERMAN, the bill modifying the law so as to prevent the removal of goods in bond from original packages in cases of accident or legal interference was passed.

MEMORIAL.

A memorial was presented from the New York Chamber of Commerce.

DETENTION OF MAILS.

On motion of Mr. CASSERLY, the Postmaster General was directed to transmit information as to the detention of mails on the Union and Central Pacific railroads, and as to the mail contracts on those roads.

RETIRING JUDGES.

Mr. TRUMBULL called for the bill to authorize the President to retire Judges of the United States Court on full salary whenever they are permanently disabled.

At the expiration of the morning hour Mr. Trumbull's bill to retire Judges of the U. S. Court went over, and Mr. Fenton's bill for customs reform was taken up.

CUSTOMS REFORM.

Mr. COLE moved to postpone it and take up the Legislature Appropriation bill.

Mr. TRUMBULL saw no necessity for setting aside other important bills to take up the appropriation bill, which would not go into effect until the end of June.

Mr. ROBERTSON hoped that if the pending bill should be postponed, the last amnesty bill passed by the House would be taken up.

Mr. TRUMBULL thought that the very important bill for customs reform ought to be proceeded with; but if it was to be laid aside, he would support the motion of Mr. Robertson to take up the last Amnesty bill, and he hoped the friends of amnesty would stand together and vote down all attempts to kill this bill, like the former one, by putting on irrelevant riders.

Mr. SUMNER gave notice that if the amnesty bill was taken up, he would press his supplementary civil rights bill as an amendment.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION.

Messrs. EDMUNDS and MORRILL (Vermont) favored immediate consideration of the appropriation bill.

Mr. Fenton's bill was then postponed and the appropriation bill taken up by a vote of 33 to 18.

Mr. COLE, having the bill in charge, explained the amendments reported by the committee, after which the Senate proceeded to consider the bill in detail. Among the amendments reported is one to discontinue the publication of laws in newspapers.

Mr. ANTHONY said he had for years favored this reform.

Messrs. POMEROY and HARLAN opposed the amendment. No action was taken upon it.

INFORMATION FURNISHED.

The Vice President laid before the Senate two messages from the President, transmitting a copy of the case of the United States presented at Geneva; the other reports of the Secretary of State and Secretary of War in reference to questions with Spain arising out of Cuban affairs and orders given to our vessels in Cuban waters.

The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

REVISION OF THE MINT LAWS.

Mr. HOOPER, from the Committee on Coinage, reported a bill revising the laws relative to mints, and Mr. MCNEELY, of the same committee, reported the point that the report was not authorized by the committee. The question raised confusion, but Mr. Hooper stated distinctly that he had been authorized by the committee to report the bill.

The bill was made the special order for the second Tuesday in March.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Mr. HALSEY, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported a bill appropriating three hundred and fifty thousand dollars for public buildings at Albany, N. Y.

Mr. GARFIELD opposed the bill, quoting the report of the Secretary of the Treasury as to the impracticability of further appropriations for such purposes, saying that the sums already appropriated for buildings were most needed are Hartford, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

Mr. FARNSWORTH ridiculed the idea of necessary public work not being undertaken because of business engagements of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, who had so much to do at Washington, in the office to which the President had appointed him, as a member of the Board of Public Works. The proper person to whom the erection of a public building should be entrusted was a reputable architect residing in the locality. The bill was advocated by Messrs. Shallabergar, Tyner and Potter; and it was stated, in the course of the discussion, that the bill was a test question to be applied to other places where public buildings were asked for, and the aggregate of which, according to Mr. Garfield, would amount to about twenty million dollars

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PHILADELPHIA, February 5, 1872.

Pursuance of the resolution of the REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, adopted at Harrisburg Jan. 18, 1872, a REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION, composed of Delegates from each Senatorial and Representative District in the number to which such District is entitled in the Legislature, will meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at Harrisburg, at 12 o'clock, noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of April, A. D., 1872, to nominate candidates for Governor, Judge of the Supreme Court, Auditor General (should the Legislature provide for the choice of one by the people), and an Electoral Ticket; and also to elect Senatorial and Representative Delegates to represent this State in the REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION, to be held in Philadelphia, June 5, 1872.

RUSSELL ERRETT, Chairman.

WM. ELLIOTT,
D. F. HOUSTON,
EZRA LUKENS,
P. M. LYTLE, } Secretaries.

BONDS at Frankfort 95¼.

GOLD closed in New York on yesterday at 110¼.

BY A VOTE of 140 for to 3 against, the House of Representatives yesterday adopted a resolution to abolish all duties on tea and coffee. Another burden, which falls upon every man, woman and child in the country, will thus be removed, thanks to our Representatives.

GENERAL NEGLEY'S resolution, calling for evidence of the necessity for new Government buildings at Pittsburgh, was timely. The last United States Grand Jury presentment will furnish all that is needed. If any one desires more let them come here and examine the premises.

FORNEY explains that his resignation of the Philadelphia Collectorship is in no wise to be construed as the out-growth of enmity for the President; on the contrary, he states that he shall do all in his power to secure his re-nomination, as he has the greatest faith in his virtue and ability to safely and wisely conduct the affairs of the nation. Thus another hope of the Liberals is blasted.

THE following resolutions were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the German Republican Central Committee of New York. This action settles the question so far as our German fellow citizens in the Empire State are concerned, and we think the example will be followed by their brethren throughout the country:

"*Resolved*, That the German Republicans of the city and county of New York pledge their unqualified support to the candidate for the Presidency who will get the nomination by the next Republican National Convention."

"*Resolved*, That we endorse the present administration, and express confidence in its integrity and ability."

WHENEVER the *Gazette* people can show from the Army Register that *they* ate an ounce of hard-tack in behalf of the country, it will then be time enough to ake up that branch of the subject.—*Post.*

It might be difficult to prove from the "Army Register" just *how many ounces* of "hard-tack" each one ate, but if the *Post* people want to know, we can assure them (and we say it not in a boastful spirit) that *three* of the four GAZETTE *proprietors* shouldered their muskets and marched out to meet the rebels during the late war. Now, will our Democratic neighbor tell us how many of its four proprietors *enlisted on the* UNION SIDE in "the late unpleasantness;" and which one of them shouted gladly on the death of Lincoln, "it served him right?" Come, no dodging.

VICE PRESIDENT COLFAX has written a letter, in which, after highly eulogizing President Grant, he says:

"But my interest in the continued ascendancy of Republicanism is far greater than any personal considerations, and if the Convention prefers some one else for the Vice Presidency, and there are many abler and worthier, no man in the United States shall exceed me in the cordiality and earnestness with which I shall support him. I am not a candidate for the Presidential nomination, being just as decidedly as ever in favor of President Grant's renomination, and hope our Convention on the 22d will so declare unanimously. I beg, for the sake of harmony, politically, and to save me personally from the suspicion of bad faith toward one with whom my relations are and have always been cordial, that my name may not be mentioned by any one in our State Convention in opposition to Gen. Grant, whom I believe to be the first choice of a very large majority of the Republicans of the United States."

THE SECRET TREATY.

The statement which was published a few days ago in our telegraphic columns, to the effect that a secret treaty existed between Canada and England, although since contradicted, may after all have some foundation. It has been known for some time, that the English Government was quietly but surely withdrawing its troops and ships of war from the Dominion; and it was remarked when the discovery was made, that such work was an evidence of the good effect, on one of the high contracting powers at least, of the Washington Treaty. Some time ago an article, to this effect, was printed in the GAZETTE, and the information it contained was derived from the Montreal papers.

The question now has much significance, whether England would feel justified in the withdrawal of all its forces from a country which remains a province of its own, and entitled to its protection, notwithstanding the fact that almost absolute powers had been delegated or conferred, and a partial nationality established under the title of the "Dominion of Canada." It seems hardly probable, unless under the hypothesis that all protection was to be renounced by the latter, upon the withdrawal of all right of authority by the former. England, so long as Canada shall remain a province, and be recognized by the world as entitled to its protection, cannot afford to abandon the infantile Dominion to its fate. It may be possible that anticipating the peaceful results to flow through the Washington treaty, and fearless of harm or interference from any European power, the proposition to withdraw its forces from Canada was suggested to the English government as a measure of economy. There being no necessity for an army in America, as the possibility of Fenian raids had vanished, a fit of "retrenchment" may possibly have overtaken the Gladstone ministry, and suggested a saving in this direction. And yet this does not appear likely, as it ill accords with the dignity of a leading power like Great Britain. The suggestion which was received by telegraph, to the effect that the secret understanding or treaty existed between England and Canada, providing for a declaration of the independence of the latter by the former, in case of threatened trouble with the United States, may turn out after all as something more than idle rumor. Such a movement, in such a crisis, would be a fine stroke of statesmanship, which would completely change the entire programme, should war ensue.

Nor would England loose either power, prestige, or income, by such a strategical movement on the eve of war with the United States, whilst we would be deprived of the privilege of attacking the weak spot of the enemy, and forcing him to furnish the battle fields, and the scenes of havoc and plunder.

The United States Government has always, when war looked imminent with its old enemy, cast a wistful glance across the northern border; but should England dissolve the bonds of political union and protection, which have always been maintained with its Canadian *protege*, the struggle would be much less simple to us, and would be transferred to the ocean, where England is our equal, if not, at present, our superior in the number of its naval vessels and their effectiveness. Altogether we are inclined to place some faith in the rumor, as it plainly foreshadows an event which would prove to England of great wisdom, in time of war with this country. But there will be no war, as neither *people* want it, and after all *they* are the masters both in England and the United States.

KEEP COOL.

The country never had a grander exhibition of moderation, than that exhibited by the American press, with scarcely an exception, during the discussion of the past week or two, over the threatened troubles with Great Britain. A cool, calm though determined vein appears to have permeated the entire newspaper fraternity, and this doubtless was the reflection of the sentiment prevailing among the masses. War was not feared, as it was not coveted, the position of the Government—firmly taken from the first rumor of the threatened trouble, and rigidly adhered to—was endorsed almost, if not altogether unanimously. There was no bluster or braggadocia, not one undignified word; and whilst war was wholly deprecated, yet the prevailing tone appeared to be, rather than abate a jot or tittle of our just claims, we would accept the only apparent alternative.

On the contrary, the journals of London particularly—with the exception of the "Thunderer"—have exhibited the wildest and most insane excitement. They have worked themselves into a perfect storm of wrath, and fairly gnashed their teeth at the "exorbitant and unreasonable demands" of the United States. They have intimated—yea, they have shrieked—that anything would be accepted, rather than submit to the "consequential damages" claimed by our Government. They have hooted, and stormed, and blubbered, all in the same breath, and declared that the country would be bankrupted if our claims should be authorized at Geneva. They have fairly hissed it out between their teeth that they would never submit to such a national disgrace. No, *never*, NEVER, NEVER.

The second act in this farce exhibits these same ferocious sheets in sack-cloth and ashes. All their bluster has departed, and a sullen spirit of submission has taken possession of them. A complete and humiliating back-down has resulted from the quiet determined expressions of adherence to our claims, and our positions, with reference to the whole subject, on the part of the United States government and people; and it will not be surprising if the English government, press and people, after the storm has cleared away, and reason has resumed her wonted place, shall acquiesce in the reference of the entire claims of the United States to the Geneva Commission, and permit the latter to decide their relevency and justice. They have doubtless learned by this time, in the language of the day, that "the Yankees don't scare worth a cent."

A CHANCE FOR A TRAVELER.

The age of solution seems to have come. The world's great riddles, which have puzzled mankind from pre-historic times are, one after another, being solved. The scientific energy of the nineteenth century is leaving but little for the sages and travelers of the future to do, save in the elaboration and filling in of the true sketches and outlines which it is furnishing in such abundance. Columbus indeed discovered and Americo Vespucci named, the long lost island of Atlantis, but it remained for the men of our own times to reveal its greatest wonders and explain its giant mysteries. Eldorado has been found in California and Australia, the secrets of the Egyptian pyramids and their guardian sphynx have been yielded to the modern Champollion, the ruins of Babylon and Ninevah have opened the cuniform inscriptions of their books of brick to the science and labor of to-day, the heretofore impenetrable walls of China and Japan have been breached, and even the sources of the Nile and the interior of Africa are no longer unknown. Traveling has become so general and the world is so well-known that the lovers of by-ways find it difficult to satisfy themselves, and the tales of travelers are but as old, old stories now, although there are still a few spots left to be explored before the world is altogether known.

South America is supposed to contain one or two unexplored regions, Arizona and New Mexico have been too remote and desert bound for close investigation, and in some portions of Central America the banditti have kept the investigating savant aloof. Swedenborg, the great philosopher and mystic prophet, has predicted that in the heart of Africa a civilized people will one day be found, and has recorded that in some of the libraries of the cities of Tartary, manuscript copies of a former book of law and revelations are preserved. These are supposed to be the Bible of the ancient peoples who preserved the true religion in the world anterior to Abraham and the covenant which God made with the Israelites. They are supposed by some to include in their contents the books of Jasher and the Wars of Jehovah, referred to in the Old Testament, and there are men, who have no faith in the Swedish seer, who believe that it is by no means impossible that the long lost books may really be in existence among the treasured and almost revered hoards of the cities of Central Asia.

It has become fashionable for travelers to seek excitement and information in the interior of Africa. The successes of Dr. Livingstone and of Speke and Grant, have fired many an unsettled heart with emulation, and that, with the curiosity which exists to learn if possible what was the fate of Livingstone and his papers, has given an impetus to African exploration which must soon reveal Swedenborg's civilized nation, if it exists where he supposed. But with Asia it is different. But few men have found themselves attracted beyond the countries which approach the coast, and most of those who have, found that, although the people were friendly enough when their suspicions were not aroused, the Chinese influence, which is very great in a large part of those unknown lands, is directly and strenuously opposed to the admission of European travelers. Some few have pentrated to Khiva, Thibet and other places, but Vamberry, we believe, was the only one who succeeded in accomplishing any extended journeys, and even he was unable, as he wished, to push all the way through, across the continent, but was forced, after penetrating as far as he deemed it safe, to retrace his footsteps. This intrepid Hungarian, however, saw enough to convince him that vast treasures of knowledge await the future, more fortunate traveler. He reports that in most of the cities there are large libraries of antique and curious manuscripts which are placed under the custody of priests and regarded almost with a religious awe. In most places he was unable to gain permission to see these libraries, and in all he was denied the privilege of copying anything which they contained. Vamberry's assertions have been in a manner corroborated by other travellers, the German, Schlagentweit, for instance, who succeeded in making a journey into Thibet, saw in many of the towns collections of books and manuscripts, which, however, he says are of little value, being composed chiefly of the writings of Buddist priests upon theological subjects. We believe that there is another German scientific investigator, now in Japan, whose purpose it is to start from the eastern-most coast of China and push his way as far west as possible. He has already made three abortive attempts, but being still undaunted, we trust that his intrepidity may be rewarded.

Indeed, to us this *terra incognita* of Central Asia, with its most ancient and orientally civilized nations, its curious architecture, fantastic costumes and almost ante-diluvian customs, and relics of religious ceremonies, would prove far more attractive, were we pluming our wings for some such long flight, than would the frigid terrors of Arctic research, or the torrid, sandy dangers of becoming cold roast meats to be eaten at our own African funeral. Central Asia offers novelty, excitement, danger and the possibility of valuable discoveries, and if any of our readers are meditating taking the desperate plunge from the safety and civilization of home into the mysteries and perils of lands outside of Christendom, we trust that they may be induced to remember what glories await the successful Asiatic explorer.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS.

HASTY LEGISLATION

In speaking of the evils of local legislation in my last article, I mentioned the fact that I had often seen the presiding officer in the Legislature pass a bundle of local bills at the same time. The great number and general worthlessness of these bills led to such errors. But this was not the only violation of parliamentary rules.

Let us return to the House of Representatives. A member from Buncombe county (not of North Carolina) rises and addresses the Speaker. He did not often detain the House, he says. He always voted for the local bills of other members. (Cries of that's so) and he hoped that the bill he now presented would receive their support, for it was entirely local to his own county, and his constituents desired.

Cries—Title, title.

[Title read.]

Cries of—Consent and second time now.

[Title is read a second time.]

Cries—Consent, and third time now.

And thus the bill is passed.

To remedy this great evil, the Constitutional Convention of Indiana was not content to abolish local legislation, but super-added the following provision to prevent so gross a wrong in the passage of any general law.

"Every bill shall be read by sections on three several days in each house; unless in case of emergency two-thirds of the house where such bill may be depending, shall by a vote of yeas and nays, deem it expedient to dispense with this rule; but the reading of a bill by sections on its final passage, shall, in no case be dispensed with; and the vote on the passage of every bill or joint resolution shall be taken by yeas and nays."

The utility of this constitutional provision was great, and if there is any objection, it is in allowing a two-thirds majority to dispense with some of the readings. For sometimes very long bills cause this majority to dispense with the second reading, when the greatest damage lies in these long bills. To refer a bill to its proper standing committee and to have it reported back with a favorable recommendation are by no means a safe guarantee that the bill is a proper one. To hold the members to their proper accountability by having the yeas and nays recorded on its passage, is one of the most wholesome checks I have seen.

IMPROPER LEGISLATION.

Every person in the least familiar with legislation knows that the larger number and most important bills are not finally acted upon, until the last week of the session. It is a too common practice for many members, as soon as they can, draw their pay to the end of the session, to leave and thus only a few determine the passage of the bills. And often these, having some dishonest projects in view, allow their bills to drag along, or do not introduce them until near the close of the session. In this way very improper laws are often enacted. Now to prevent this, the constitution of Indiana declares that "a majority of all the members elected to each House shall be necessary to pass every bill or joint resolution."

This provision, together with the ayes and nays, secures the people against dishonest legislation, as far as constitutional provisions can do so. I am familiar with the evil results, where these safeguards are not in the organic law, and I know, too, how much protection they give the citizens where they are.

BUT ONE SUBJECT IN EACH ACT.

A source of frauds in legislation was the coupling of two or more subjects in a bill that had no relation to each other. One of these was usually stated in the title, the other not, so that often a measure that the Legislature was averse to, was smuggled in this way. To prevent such contraband legislation, our Constitution, when revised, should contain a provision declaring that each act shall embrace but one subject.

LIMITATIONS ON THE ADJOURNMENTS OF EACH HOUSE.

By many of our State Constitutions, either House is allowed to adjourn for three days without the concurrence of the other. This power was not subject to abuse until railroads became numerous. Now from most of the State Capitals, a member of the General Assembly may reach his home in half a day, and the practice has become almost universal to adjourn on Friday at 12 M., to meet on Tuesday morning. When the adjournment is not until Friday evening and to Monday afternoon, there is no quorum present on Friday and Monday afternoon.

In Indiana, when we had no railroad facilities, but few members left the seat of government during the session and their whole time was given uninterruptedly to the work of legislation. But when railroads radiated from Indianapolis, like the spokes of the hub of the wheel, these weekly adjournments occasioned not only the loss of at least two and a half days in each week, but what was much worse, they so diverted the thought from legislative matters that the mind had scarcely settled to its work before another adjournment again diverted it. As a consequence, committees seldom met; if important business before them caused some to remain, a quorum seldom could be found in attendance. Every person who has any knowledge of legislation knows that it is in the standing committees the subject is best considered, and the details of bills best prepared. The detriment to carefully considered legislation by these adjournments is beyond estimate, and when the members of the General Assembly receive a per diem pay, they are an outrage. For absence or inattention to the trust confided to a representative is more disgraceful than in any other employe, because his constituents cannot discharge him. And where the representatives receive payments for the session, the prolonged session, by reason of these weekly adjournments, creates an additional expense to the state, that can find no excuse.

These evils must be corrected by a constitutional provision, which in the most positive manner would prevent adjournments longer than from Saturday 12 M. to Monday at 9 A. M., by either House separately or by joint resolution. To accept a free pass from a railroad company, or a free ride over the road during the session should be made a crime in the representative and a cause of heavy penalty by fine on the railroad company. This evil is a great one, and can be eradicated in no other way than by stringent constitutional provisions.

LIMITATION OF THE SESSION.

In my last article, I referred to the fact that the constitution of Indiana limits the biennial session of the General Assembly to sixty one days. It can remain in session longer, but only at one and a half dollars pay per diem. Of course it adjourns at the end of the limited time.

Were it not for party spirit, and the weekly adjournments just considered, this limitation would not be impolitic. It gives ample time to properly consider general legislation. But the great delay occasioned by party hitches, and the great disturbance in loss of time and the steady working of committees by weekly adjournments, make this limitation too great. If the weekly adjournments were presented, seventy days for Indiana, and three months for Pennsylvania would be amply sufficient for a biennial session, but local and special legislation must be forbidden.

The matters considered in this article relate to the legislative department, and are connected with the subjects of my former articles.

Other topics relating to the Interior and Judicial Departments remain to be considered hereafter. They will be deferred because of their minor importance, until the delegates to the Constitutional Convention are before the people. But public attention cannot be too soon awakened to the important questions I have considered. And here where we have no "stump" the press should exert its power to awaken this attention. L. B.

MATTERS OF MOMENT.

IF they would only mix vermifuge in sufficient quantities, or a few English sparrows, with the soup dispensed from the Cincinnati soup houses in Chicago, the objection to it would not be so great.

THE students of the Georgia State University publish a magazine called *The Cat*, probably because it will need all of nine lives to continue to exist, although an exchange asserts that it is merely for amewsment.

THEY must have some capital ichthyological specific away down east in Maine, or if not how can you account for the fact that in the single district of Castine, in that State, 257,837 hundred weight of codfish, herring, mackerel and other fish were cured in 1871?

MISS WASHBURNE, of Topeka, although but twelve years old, has already filled the office of church organist, and eloped with one of her uncles, whose most unique charm was the fact that he was but twenty years old and yet had served one term in the penitentiary. We fear that the race of little children has somewhat degenerated in Kansas.

CINCINNATI, still writhing under the snubbing which the Grand Ducal party gave her, has determined not to let the Japanese dignitaries escape her hospitalities without at least an effort, and so, seizing time by the forelock, or rather the Japanese by their brick-shaped coiffeurs, she has issued an invitation, intended to head off the too exultant Louisville.

WE never heard that Democratic journals in general were ever afflicted with either acute or chronic honesty or morality, and yet just now they are all heart and soul endorsing, petting and praising the New York *Tribune* and the *Nation*. We are glad to know that the Democratic journals in general, whatever their vices and shortcomings, have in this case evinced the possession of the jewel consistency.

WE cannot agree with a cotemporary that the sparrows are stupid because they do not go south and have a good time with the other birds. In the summer the sparrows are dingy, common little things, but when all the brighter birds have gone, the little brown worm eaters become the centre of attraction and enjoy their cold and glittering prominence. Who wouldn't rather be Governor of Alaska than a Digger Indian in Arizona?

STEPHEN CURRY, although scarcely entering upon the third year of the second century of his life, distinctly remembered —so he said—seeing Major Andre as he was led by his captors toward the head quarters of General Washington. This sort of memory is a great relief, most men under similar circumstances would have insisted upon remembering Washington himself, even if they did not claim to have been one of his noble army of body servants.

A PHYSICIAN, eke of London town, becoming suspicious when he found that, no matter how often he vaccinated, the operation never took, examined the prepared quills which he had been purchasing, and discovered that instead of virus, they contained only a little starch mixed with saliva. As salivation was not what was wanted, the criminal manufacturer of this very mild syrup of quills is to be prosecuted. It is a pity he cannot be imprisoned in a small-pox hospital.

CONSIDERING the anything but agreeably suggestive name of their town, we think it rather praiseworthy in the people of Black Jack, Kansas, proving themselves to be all optimists by deciding at the Black Jack debating society recently, that "there is more joy than sorrow in human life." Perhaps something of this general cheerfulness may be owing to the fact that they decided in the negative the following: Resolved—that women should have equal legal and political rights with men.

THERE is a special Providence that sitteth up aloft and doth hedge a King, as a Czar and a Grand Duke. It is but a few days since we told of the acrobatic way in which Alexis sprang from his charger and slew an irate buffalo bull with his carving knife, and now we read that his father—if it were not February we should say his augustness—was attacked recently by a Russian bear, of the quadruped sort, and only escaped laceration or death by his coolness, his presence of mind and his seven shooter.

SAYS the Louisville *Courier Journal*: "The most conspicuous case of rhyme without reason is that of the Pittsburgh *Gazette*, when it quotes from the poets to prove that President Grant has been slandered." Now as the quotation referred to was from the Bard of Avon he, B. of A., is responsible for any lack of reason there may be in the matter; we are certain we had a reason for publishing it. As for the rhyme, that is all in the optical organ of our captious critic as it certainly is not to be found in the quotation referred to.

CHARLES H. BERRY was his name, and he was of so pious a turn of mind that he desired his little handmaiden to go to Sunday school, but he did not give her soft raiment or gorgeous apparel, and she declined—although she had never heard of Mademoiselle MacFlimsey—because she had nothing to wear, a fiva which so offended the truly pious Berry that he flogged her until she almost died in his hands. The beautiful consistency of this gentleman's conduct was so marked that his neighbors presented him with a handsome cow-hide.

THE fashion of affixing men's titles to their wives' names is getting to be almost as universal here as in Germany. Perhaps we have not yet come to the embarrassing predicament of having to introduce Mrs. High—councellor of education, and emeritus professor, Doctor Schmidt, but we see signs of approaching danger. Thus we learn that Mrs. *Palace* Pullman and Mrs. Attorney General Williams were distinguished at a recent reception. We believe, however, that Mrs. Faro Bank proprietor Morrissey is not seen much this winter in society.

WE are happy to be able to announce for the second, if not for a third time, that Hildebrand, the notorious robber, guerilla, murderer and highwayman has been hung by the neck until he was dead. About three years ago the world was first called upon to mourn over his sudden death by strangulation, but somehow or other the report traveled too fast to be true. Once we learned that he had fled to Manitoba and was about to use his red hand in defence of the Red River settlement, but that story was not strange enough not to be fiction. Perhaps it may be true that he has been hung in Missouri by a mob; at any rate we shall retract the statement, if retract we must, with sincere regret.

OBITUARY.

Hon. Henry S. Evans.

On Friday evening the Hon. Henry S. Evans, Representative of the Fifth District in the State Senate, died at his home in West Chester.

Henry S. Evans was born in 1813, in Doylestown. His school education was completed in 1827, when he was apprenticed as a printer to the Messrs. Miner, publishers of the *Village Record* in West Chester. After serving his apprenticeship he worked for a time at his trade in Philadelphia and Germantown, after publishing a paper for a short time in Waynesburg, he returned to West Chester in 1835, and purchased the *Village Record* from its then proprietor, the Hon. Charles Miner.

In changing owners the *Record* did not change its politics, but maintained under its new editor's rule the steady front which it had always shown to the Democratic party. From 1835 until the time of his death Mr. Evans published the *Record*, its sterling excellence as conducted by him gaining for it more than a local reputation. The political career of Mr. Evans was begun in 1845, when he was a candidate in the Whig convention for State Senator. His election at this time was lost by one vote, but in the ensuing year he was elected to the Legislature, where he served for three years. In 1849 he was candidate for the Speakership of the House, again suffering a defeat by a single vote. In 1859 he was elected Senator, serving to the entire satisfaction of his constituents for three years. In 1870 he was again elected Senator for the full term.

Under Mr. Evans' admirable management the *Village Record* has for many years maintained a position much higher than that usually occupied by country newspapers, and its office, too, has been a school from whence have graduated a number of men who have since risen to distinction in the land, among the number being Bayard Taylor, the celebrated traveler and author, Judge Paxton, of Philadelphia, and Judge Butler, of Chester and Delaware Judicial District, all of whom were at one time apprentices under Mr. Evans.

THE growth of Denver, Col., is really something remarkable. The official census in June, 1870, showed less than 5,000 inhabitants. A real estate firm in that city recently had a census made at their own expense, with a view to publication along with other statistical matter. They find that the population in December, 1871, was 10,852, having more than doubled in 18 months. The number of buildings erected in 1871 was 783, valued at $2,391,375. The amount of business done in Denver during last year is reckoned at more than $14,000,000.

THE Captain General of Cuba has sent to the Home Government the "reassuring" statement that the insurrection will be ended by March or April. He only wants two thousand fresh trooops from Spain to bring the war to "a triumphant conclusion." This is about the twentieth time that the world has been assured that the Cuban rebellion was all but stamped out. Naturally enough, people have come to place greater faith in the vitality of the Cuban cause than in the ability of Spain to restore tranquility to the Island. Valmaseda's limited demand for reinforcements of regular troops is rather more likely to be the result of deference to the wishes of the volunteers than of any well-founded belief of his ability to accomplish what he and his predecessors have so frequently promised to do, and so uniformly failed to effect.

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The following shows the imports of foreign dry goods at New York during the past week and since the beginning of the year:

For the week.	1870.	1871	1872.
Entered at port	$3,590,004	$3,503,786	$4,283,598
Thrown on market	3,413,047	3,373,947	4,040,136
Since Jan. 1.	1870	1871.	1872.
Entered at p.rt	$10,955,757	$11,244,311	$17,251,488
Thrown on market	11,150,502	10,936,267	16,208,124

The Senate Finance Committee has directed Mr. Sherman to report a bill authorizing Mr. Boutwell to "redeem $3,000,000 per month of three per cent certificates." If this authority is given and acted upon a virtual contraction of the currency begins. These three per cents are now only redeemable in proportion as the new issue of National bank notes is made, and being a portion of the legal reserve of the banks, they, of course, will be compelled to substitute legal-tenders as the certificates are withdrawn.

Robinson Bros., No. 73 Fourth avenue, furnish the following comparative quotations for bonds and stocks, from their latest advices by wire:

	Monday.	Tuesday.
Bond—1871	115¾	115¾
5-20—1862	110¾	110¾
" 1864	110¾	110¾
" 1865	110¾	111¼
" 1865 new	110¾	110¾
" 1867	111¼	111¼
" 1868	112	112
10-40s	111	110¾
Currency 6's	114¾	114¾
Gold	110¾	110¾
RAILWAYS.		
New York Central	97¾	97¾
Do Scrip	92¾	93
Erie	20¾	21
Reading	113¾	113¾
Lake Shore	90¾	90¾
Ft. Wayne	97¾	97¾
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	91¾	91¾
Rock Island	101½	101¾
Chicago & N. W.	74¾	74¾
Do. Preferred	90¾	90
Northwestern	52¾	52¾
Do. Preferred	75¾	75¾
Wabash	76¾	76¾
Union Pacific	34¾	34¾
Ohio & Mississippi	44¾	44¾
Pacific Mail	67¾	67¾
Western Union Telegraph	77¾	77¾
Adams Express	92¾	92¾
American Express	63¾	63¾
U. S. Express	50¾	50¾
Wells, Fargo	65	64¾

—Messrs. Gilbough, Bond & Co., bankers and brokers and members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, furnish the following quotations of the prices to-day of the most active stocks:

	Monday.	Tuesday.
Penna. Central	61¾	62
Reading R. R.	96¾	96¾
Camden & Amboy	126	126
Lehigh Navigation	39¾	39¾
Oil Creek & Allegheny R R	42	42¾
Central Transportation	46	46
Empire Transportation	55	80
Union Transportation	80	80
Pittsburgh City 6's	73¾	73¾
A. V. R. R. 7-30 Bonds	93¾	93¾
Lehigh Valley R. R.	62¾	62¾
Phila. & Erie	26	26

—The *Financial Chronicle* sees no cause for so much excitement as so many indulge in the relations between this country and England. It says: "So long as these matters do not cause more serious disturbances at the Stock Exchanges, where millions of property are at stake, and where vast sums are paid for the earliest and best information, which is being searched for continually by the keenest intelligents in Europe and in this country, we may safely infer that secret causes are well known for what has happened, and that the intemperate and ungrateful criticisms in and out of Parliament on this question have some unknown purpose or satisfactory explanation, or some colossal origin at all at variance with the evident and direct friendliness of the attitude of the two Governments. It is believed in quarters entitled to credit that the two Governments have an understanding that the damage, direct, indirect and con-truct-ive, shall not exceed a sum which is reasonably started at from 10 to 30 millions of dollars."

—The Baltimore *American*, of Monday, says: "We regret to learn that the old and highly respectable house of Messrs. F. W. Brune & Sons, foreign shipping and commission merchants, chiefly in the sugar trade, have been obl ged to suspend payment. Messrs. Brune & S ns were the agents of the Maryland Sugar Refinery, but we understand that this institution is not involved by the failure of the firm."

Closing quotations as received by James T. Brady & Co:

Gold	110¾	5-20 Jan. & Jy.'65	110¾
U. S. 6s, 1881	110¾	5-20 Jan. & Jy.'67	111¾
U. S. 5-20s '62	110¾	5-20 Jan. & Jy. '68	112
U. S. 5-20s '64	110¾	U. P. R. R.	
U. S. 5-20s '65	110¾	C. P. R. R.	
U. S. 10-40's	109¾	Cy Pacific	

NEW YORK, February 13, 1872.

The gold market was intensely dull throughout the day, and an improved feeling and advance in securities at London caused a decline in premium, closing business at about 110¾. Loans were from flat to 4% per cent. for carrying. Clearances $41,000,000. Governments were steady, and a fraction higher.

Stocks opened weak at about last night's prices, but after the second call the market recovered and prices advanced from ¼ to ¾ per cent. In the afternoon the upward movement was checked and the market weakened a little, when it was positively asserted that the Hannibal & St. Joe Railroad Company had issued 50,000 shares, or $3,000,000 of new common stock, under authority of an act of the Missouri Legislature, approved March 4, 1869; this stock sold down to 42¾ from 45¾ and closed at 43. The market suddenly became strong in final dealings, and there was a general advance in prices, which at the close were the highest of the day in most instances. Ohios advanced to 44¾, Erie to 21¾, New York Central to 97¾; Harlem to 131, Union Pacific to 35, and Pacific Mail to 67¾. The last features at the close were Pacific Mail and Union Pacific. Money steady, at 6 to 7 per cent. State bonds dull.

Sterling exchange 109¾.

GOVERNMENTS.—Coupons of 1881, 115; 5-20s of '62, 110¾; do of '64, 110¾; do of '65, 111¼; do new of '65, 110¾; do of '67, 111¾; do of '68, 112¾; 10-40s 110¾; currency 6s, 114¾.

STATE BONDS.—Missisippi, 90; Tennessee old, 66; do new, 66; Virginia new, 56; do old, 56; North Carolina old, 33; do new 17¾.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Western Union Telegraph 76¾; Quicksilver 31; Adams Express 92¾; Wells-Fargo do 65; American Merchants' Union do 63¾; United States do 50; Pacific Mail 68¾; New York Central 97¾; Scrip 93¾; Erie 21¾; do preferred 61; Harlem 132¾, do preferred 132; Reading 113¾; Michigan Central 118¾; Cleveland & Pittsburgh 91¾; Northwestern 74¾; do preferred 90¾; Rock Island 101¾; New Jersey Central 110¾; St. Paul 55¾; do preferred 75¾; Wabash 76¾; do preferred 88; Fort Wayne 97¾; Terre Haute 29; do preferred 52; Chicago & Alton 120; do preferred 120; Ohio & Mississippi 44¾; C. C. & C. 87¾; Burlington & Quincy 140; Lake Shore 90¾; Panama 215; Illinois Central 132; Union Pacific 34¾; C. P. bonds 102¾; Union 91¾.

PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, February 13, 1872.

ASHES—Common Soda, Ash, 4; refined do, 4¼; Nitrate Soda, 5 cts; Pots, 10 cts; Pearls, 10¾ cts.

APPLE BUTTER—Common to fair 50@55 cts per gallon, prime to choice, 60@65.

APPLES—There is a steady demand and we can report regular sales at $3.50@4 per bbl for common to fair; and $4.50@5.00 for prime to choice.

BUTTER—Is coming in more freely and the market in consequence is easier, though as yet there is no decline. Prime to choice, in small packages, 26@28; medium to good 20@23. Low grade butter dull.

BEANS—The demand is better but prices remain unchanged; $2@2.50 per bushel, as to quality.

BROOM CORN—Continues very dull, and there is not enough doing to establish quotations.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Is quiet and unchanged at 4 cts per lb.

CHANNEL FISH—Quoted all the way from $10 to $17 per bbl, according to quality.

CANDLES—Mould, 12 cts; Star, 2l.

CANNED GOODS—Peaches, $4.50@7.00 per case; Tomatoes, $4.25@4.50; Winslow's Corn, $5.25@5.50.

COUNTRY LARD—8@8¾ cts per lb.

CARBON OIL—Is dull but unchanged; 20½ @21 cts, by the car load, and usual advance over these quotations for small lots.

COAL OIL—Refined Lye—$6 per case.

CHEESE—Is reported steady but unchanged; Goshen, 16¾@17; Factory, 15½@16; Dairy, 14@15.

DRIED FRUIT—Peaches: 10@10½ for halves; 8@8¾ for mixed; 7@7¾ for quarters and 15 @16 for peeled. Blackberries, 13@13½ cts. Pitted cherries, 25@30 cts; unpitted, 8@10. Apples, 6¾@7¾ for common to fair and 8@8¾ for prime to choice.

EGGS—Continue rather slow and the tendency is downward, though prices are not quotably lower and can be regarded as the ruling quotation for fresh.

FLOUR—The market is steady with a continued fair local trade and prices are strong but unchanged. Fair to good spring extras, $7.25@7.50; choice Minnesota, $7.75; good to choice red winter wheat, $7.50@7.75; fancy, $8.00. Rye Flour, $5.00. All the leading markets, including New York, are strong, and the indications generally favor higher prices; Ohio is now held at $8.00 all winter, lower relatively than wheat and there must soon be an appreciation in the one or a depreciation in the other.

GRAIN—Wheat continues very scarce in this market, and, with a steady milling demand, prices are strong and quotations should be fairly given at $1.¾@1.60 for red, and $1.65 cts more for white. While wheat is still lower here relatively than it is in the west; it is high enough when we look forward, as our mills are paying more than could be realized by shipping to any of the seaboard markets. Corn is in fair demand and steady in the aggregate, but there is no change whatever in prices; 54@54 cents, by the car load. Corn continues dull and unchanged. Oats are quoted at 38@39 on track, and 41@42 in elevator. Rye continues scarce, but the demand does not seem to be urgent, and prices remain unchanged; 93@95, buying, and 98@$1 selling. Barley continues irregular at present, and the prosecutor for the balance of the season will be considerably mixed. We continue to quote nominally at 70@80 for spring, and 80@90 for fall, according to quality.

GROCERIES—The Coffee market has stiffened up very materially since the reception of the Liverpool circulars, which state that there is only fair and there is an absence of excitement. It seems to be generally conceded that the boom is destined to run for some time to come. The fact that trade is quiet at the seaboard may be attributed to the fact that jobbers on this city have generally pretty well stocked, having bought largely some weeks ago, and so soon as they commence buying again the market will be quite improbable. Sugars, Molasses and Syrups are devoid of any new features worthy of notice.

Coffee—Rio—Standard, 19½; prime, 18½@ 19; fair, 17½@18; ordinary, 16½@17. Java, 12¾; B. Ca., 12¾; C. Yellow, 12¾. Porto Rico 8 cigars—Choice, 11. Prime 10¾; Good, 10. Demarara, 11¾@12. New Orleans—fair, 10; good, 10¾; prime, 11; choice, 11¾.

Coffee—Fancy Rio, 26; Prime, 25; Good, 24. Fair, 23@23½. Java, 28@30. Laguyra, 26@ 28. Mocha, 45. Roasted Coffee, pure, 28. Lower grades, 25@26.

Syrups—Harvester & Elder's, 65. White Honey, 65. Lovering's, 60. Durant's, 65. Sugar Drips, 75. Brune's, 65; other grades, 45@50. New Orleans Cassea, old, 50; new crop, 62.

Rice—Choice Carolina, 9¾; Good, 8¾; Fair, 8¼. Rangoon, 8. Patna, 8¾.

Spices—Pepper, 24. Alispice, 18. Cassia, 50. Cloves, 55. Nutmegs, $1.40.

HONEY—Sales at 25@30 cts.

HOMINY—Sales at $4.50 per bbl to the trade and $5 in a jobbing way.

HAY—Timothy—Is dull and unchanged; $24@ 26 per ton, by the car load, according to quality.

LARD OIL—No. 1 extra is quoted in a jobbing way at 85@87 cts; No. 2, 62@63.

MILL FEED—Is quoted in a jobbing way at $1.30@1.35 per cwt for Bran, $1.35@1.40 for coarse corn meal, $1.50@1.55 for coarse and $1.70@1.75 for fine middlings; $1.60@1.65 for chopped corn and oats and $1.80@2.00 for oil meal.

ONIONS—Small sales at $2.50@3.00 per bbl, according to quality.

POTATOES—The supply, although not large, is fully up to the demand, and as has been the case for some time, the market is is mainly for small lots. We continue to quote at 75@85 cts cts per bushel, according to quality.

POULTRY—Is steady at 13@14 for dressed Chickens, and 16@18 for Turkeys.

PROVISIONS—Sugar cured shoulders, 7; sugar cured shoulders, 8¾; ribbed sides, 8; short ribbed, 8¾; clear, 9; sugar cured hams, 12¾, and 13¾ for large. New York, 14@14½. Ham Sausage, 11. Lard: in tierces, 9¾ for steamed and 10 for kettle.

RAGS—Sacks, 2½ cts per lb.

SALT—Is quoted at $1.85 per bbl, by the car load, and $2 in a jobbing way.

SHAKER CORN—1½@2 cts per lb.

SEEDS—Timothy Seed is steady with sales at $3.75@4.00. Clover Seed is in rather better demand, and we can report small sales at $6.50@6.75. No Flaxseed in market; quoted at $1.75@1.80.

PETROLEUM MARKET.

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Refined reported steady but very quiet—no sales. Spot quoted at 21¾; February, 21¾; March, 22¾; April, 22¾. Crude is quiet and nominally unchanged; $8.65@8.67½ per bbl at Parker.

It has been expected, for some time past, that there would be an advance in freights; however, it has not taken place, as yet, and, as it is late in the season, it is scarcely probable that there will be any change until the summer rates go into force.

CRUDE OIL RECEIVED BY A. V. R. R.

Riverside O W, account B S Duncan	228
Riverside O W, account R Crawford	97
Riverside O W, account T Hukeart	74
Aladden O W, account T P Houston	74
Eagle O W account Fisher & Bro	27
Standard O W, account T King	148
Eagle O W, account T P Miller	160
National O W, account J Guff	124
Peerless O W, account H S	61
Sunbeam O W, account W Stewart	456
Standard O W account J Bushnell	618
Peerless O W, account Clinton	94
Triumph O W, account T Hackett	80
Total	2,780

OIL SHIPPED EAST PER A. V. R. R. & W. P. R. R. February 12.

Wm. McKelvy & Co. 50 bbls refined oil to Logan, Bro & Co., Philadelphia.

J. A. McKee & Son, 854 bbls ref. oil to Logan Bro & Co., Philadelphia.

Wm. McKelxy & Co. 52 bbls ref oil to Wm. Blair & Co. Carlisle Pa.

Total..... 1,298 bbls.

OIL SHIPPED PER WEST PENN R. R.

Elkins, B & Co. 100 bbls ref. oil to P A Davis, Phila.

Kirkpatrick & Logan, 318 bbls ref. oil to Logan, Bro & Co., Phila.

Total..... 418 bbls.

The Lumber Market—A Survey of the Field—Prospects for the Spring.

The snows were never more timely than in the lumber regions the present winter, and the result will be an unusual supply of logs for the year's cutting. The only remaining contingencies are (1) whether there will be water sufficient in the streams to take the logs to the mills, and (2) whether existing boomage facilities will be found adequate. It seems to be understood that dealers throughout the country will start off with reduced stocks, which fact will materially stimulate an eager demand.

The East Saginaw *Courier*, of the 7th, has following on the general situation:

"There are in the valley and on the shore 130 mills, having 250 employed in cutting logs into lathe, shingles and palings. The mills employ 4,000 men, and the capacity of the mills will average 5,000,000 feet of lumber every twelve hours. The receipts of lumber at Chicago for 1870 were 1,018,889,685 feet, and this was principally from the eastern shore of Lake Michigan by steamers, while the whole product for the State of Michigan for shipping purposes was 1,682,731,855 feet, the product of 1870; 704,842,161 feet was the product of Saginaw Valley and the shore, with Detroit, Toledo, Sandusky, Cleveland, Buffalo and Tonawanda supplying a supply of 1,563,930,320 feet annually, besides interior points, all of which draw more or less upon Saginaw for a portion of their lumber, showing that these points alone are equal to Saginaw Valley and shore supply. Then the eastern shore of Lake Michigan and the upper peninsula, whose product was 878,329,672 feet in 1870, are left, with a small portion of Wisconsin, to fill Chicago's receipts of 1,018,877,685 feet of lumber.

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Receipts Pig Metal, Ore and Blooms.

CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH R. R.

	cars.		cars.
Shoenberger & Co.	8	Rees G & Co. metal	1
Anderson & W met.	1	J Moorhead metal	1
Zug & Co. ore	1	Jones & L. metal	1
Zug & Co. metal	1	W. Smith, metal	1
Zug & Co. metal	1	Union I Mills, m	2
Total			20

PITTSBURGH, F. W. & C. R. R.

Nimick & Co. metal	2	Chess, S & Co., met	4
Coleman R. & Co. m	3	W Smith, metal	1
Zug & Co. metal	1	Rees, G & Co, metal	1
Hallman & H, metal	3		
Total			15

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

J W Porter, metal	7	J Moorhead, metal	4
R. Wister, metal	6	Brown & Co. metal	3
Nimick & Co. metal	4	J A Laughery metal	3
J. Reamer, m	4	Hallman & H, metal	1
Total			32

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.

W Clarke & Co metal 2

PITTSBURGH CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS R R.

Hallman & H, metal 1

Foreign Markets.

LONDON, February 13, 5 P. M.—Consols for money, 92¼; for account, 92¾@92¾; 5-20s of '62, 91¾; do '65, 92; do '67, 92¾; 10-40s, 90¾.

FRANKFORT, February 13.—5-20s of '62, 90¾. PARIS, February 13.—Rentes 56f 40c.

LIVERPOOL, February 13.—Flour 26@27s. Corn 28s 6d. Cheese 70s.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York.

NEW YORK, February 13.—Cotton declined; middling uplands 21¾c. Flour quiet and firm; superfine western and State $5.30@5.70; common to good extra $6.60@6.80; good to choice $6.80@7.40; white wheat western extra $6.30@ 6.60. Rye firm and corn meal unchanged. Whisky heavy and lower at 90¾c. Wheat 2 shade firmer; winter red western $1.68; choice white Michigan $1.75. Rye more active; 96c. Barley more active; Canada West $1.04@1.12. Malt unchanged. Corn heavy; new western mixed 72¾@73c; yellow western 73¾@74¼c; white and yellow 72½@74c. Oats a shade firmer; western and Ohio 52¾@56c. Eggs firm at 29@32c. Hay and hops unchanged. Coffee firm; Rio 19@ 21¾c. Sugar quiet; fair to good refining 9¾@9¾c; Cuba 8¾@9¾c. Molasses in fair request; New Orleans 47@60c. Rice moderately active at 8@8¾c. Petroleum: crude 12¾@13c; refined 21¼@22c. Turpentine dull at 80@82c. Pork quiet and a shade firmer; new mess $14.25@14.50; prime $12.25; new prime mess $14. Beef unchanged. Dressed hogs dull; western $5.75. Cut meats in fair request; shoulders 8¾@9c; hams 8¾@ 9¾c; middles quiet and steady; long clear 8¾c. Lard more active; No. 1 prime steam 9¾@9¾c; kettle 9¾@10c. Butter—Orange county 26@32c. Cheese quiet and firm at 13@17c.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, February 13.—Flour firm. Wheat active and advanced; No. 2 spring $1.25¾; No 3 and rejected inactive at $1.20@1.23; spring seller March. Corn advanced; No 2 mixed 40¾@ 40¾c; ear nominally at 40c; seller March 40¾@ 41c; seller May 43¾@43¾c. Oats firm; No 2 mixed 32¾c; seller March 32¾c. Rye quiet and weak; No 2 71c, and about the same for March. Barley is dull but unchanged. No 2 spring 93c; No 3 rejected 43@45c; seller March 59c. Pork: mess dull and a shade lower, being held at $12.40@ 12.45; seller March $12.35@12.40. Lard dull and a shade lower at 9¾@9¾c. Meats unchanged. Hogs advanced; exireme range at $4.10@4.75, with the bulk of the sales at $4.25@4.60; dressed are a little firmer at $4.50@5.00. Cattle quiet and unchanged at $4.75@5.55 for common to fair shipping; cattle transportation is difficult to obtain. Whisky firm and unchanged at 87¾c.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, February 13.—Cotton dull and nominal; middling 22¾@22¾c. Flour active and advanced; family $7.25@7.40. Wheat active and advanced at $1.58@1.60. Corn firm at 47c. Rye firm at 92@93c. Oats steady at 41@ 43c. Barley steady and in moderate demand at 70@80c. Sugar in fair demand but lower; New Orleans 4c lower. Molasses active and advanced 3c. Linseed oil firm at 85@87c. Lard steady at 9½c. Bacon 7¾@8c. Corn firm; ear 36c; shelled 41@42c.

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, February 13.—Corn dull and lower; white 80c. Oats dull; 62c asked. Hay prime $33; choice $38. Pork scarce; mess $16.25.

Detroit.

DETROIT, February 13.—Wheat steady, and 1c lower; extra $1.61. Oats quiet. Corn firm. Clover seed $5.80. Hogs $4.50.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD COMPANY, February 13.—5 bbls spirits, Weller & Bro; 7 do c berries, 2 do apples, 1 do butter, 5 kgs lard, Voigt, Mahood & Co; 1 cask nams, 2) pkgs lard, Wait, Lang & Co; 1 car middles, 1 do shoulders, C H Myers & Co; 4 pkgs butter, A Van Fossan; 20 do do, J A Graff & Co; 25 bbls apples, 20 bdls brooms, 1 pkg butter, Loh, Son & Co; 1 car oats, Marshall, C & Co; 3 kgs butter, Henry Rea Jr; 5 bbls grease, 13 bides, Wm Fiscus & Son; 2) bgs clover seed, McHenry & Hood; 1 car spokes, etc, Thomas Hare & Bro; 10 bbls apples, 1 keg butter, Jas O'Brien; 10 cars staves, B D Moore; 20 doz brooms, Dilworth Bros; 41 hides, James Caldry & Co; 1 car broom handles, I Quewan & Douglass; 1 car broom handles, I Dickey & Co; 20 bxs cheese, W D Cooper & Co; 37 do do, W Wente; 4) bbls flour, Scho & Co; 10 tubs butter, W H Graff & Co; 1 car ear corn, James Graham; 141 hides, J Hammett & Son; 122 hds staves, J A Laughery; 3 cars wheat, Marshall, Kennedy & Co; 750 bbls flour, T C Jenkins & Bro; 2 cars oats, Scott & Gisal; 1 car potatoes, Woodworth & D; 15 pkgs lard, S S Marvin; 21 bbls apples, 3 do corn, James O'Brien; 1 car hay, M F Herron; 1 car oats, W Welsh & Co; 10 kgs apple butter, J A Graff.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD, February 13.—2 cars hay, 1 car straw, A J Hagen; 57 sks barley, F Shields; 2 bbls eggs, 3 kgs lard, B Lube butter, J A Graff & Co; 6 Brkins and, 1 hf bbl butter, Loh, Son & Co; 8 bdls bames, P H Hartley; 25 sks meal, Beckert & Gerwig; 100 sks flour, S Lindsay Jr & Co; 1 bx mdse, B Conson; 3 rolls leather, Wm Fiscus & Son; 1 boxed organs, John M Hale; 28 sks corn, J B Holley; 18 sks wheat, D Gilmore; 171 sks oats, 1 car hay, T Brady & Co; 5 cars hay, McHenry & Hood; 1 car grain, 105 sks wheat, 35 sks rye, Marshall, Kennedy & Co; 1 bbl eggs, Voigt, Mahood & Co; 2 do do, Woodworth & D; 3 cars barley, J N Straub; 1 bdl pelts, James Callery & Co; 180 sks flour, 75 bbls do, 15 sks meal, 10¾ do do, Luebbe & Bros; 1 car hay, Scott & Gisal; 1 do do, Benj McVay; 253 sks oats and rye, 1 car corn, Wm Welsh & Co; 4 cars hay, C McVay; 170 sks white oats, M Steel & Son; 1 car corn, John Burns; 1 do do, G Curry; 31 bbls molasses, J S Unsworth; 9 kgs lard, 6 do butter, 2 do putty, W B Boggs & Co; 10 bbls oil, Allen Kirkpatrick & Co; 1 do do, Dalzell & T; 10 tons pig iron, Hallman & H.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD COMPANY, February 13.—1 car lumber, McQuewan & D; 3 bbls butter, J J Pittitt & Co; 8 rolls leather, 2 bbls flour, Wm Fiscus & Son; 3 bbls apples, Voigt, M & Co; 10 bbls lime, J B Logan & Co; 125 bbls apples, Woodworth & D; 2 cars lumber, H Adams; 40 pcs shingles, Hidey & W; 1 bbl broken glass, Wm McCulley & Co; 5 kgs butter, Loh, Son & Co; 16 bbls; 204,842,161 feet was the product of Saginaw Valley and the shore, with Detroit, Toledo, Sandusky, Cleveland, Buffalo and Tonawanda supplying a supply of 1,563,930,320 feet annually, besides interior points, all of which draw more or less upon Saginaw for a portion of their lumber, showing that these points alone are equal to Saginaw Valley and shore supply. Then the eastern shore of Lake Michigan and the upper peninsula, whose product was 878,329,672 feet in 1870, are left, with a small portion of Wisconsin, to fill Chicago's receipts of 1,018,877,685 feet of lumber.

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River Intelligence.

The weather continues very favorable for an immediate resumption of navigation. The snow is all gone and it was hoped that the ice would commence moving last night. There was considerable rain during the afternoon, and it is scarcely possible that the ice will hold out much longer; it was also reported that it was raining at the headwaters of both rivers.

The thermometer indicated 45 last evening and falling, and the wind seemed to be veering around to the west again. It was reported in the afternoon that the weather had turned cold again at St. Louis and if so we may expect a change here within the next twenty-four hours. As already noted, however, it is scarcely possible for the ice to hold out much longer no matter if it should turn cold.

There are a large number of towboats in port ready to take out tows of coal as soon as the river opens, as will also the Messenger for Nashville, and the Wild Duck for St. Louis.

There are a number of boats en route for this port, among others, the Exchange, H. R. Durfee, Esperanza and Kate Putnam. The three first named boats are at Louisville, and the Putnam is at Rochester.

—The Secretary of the Treasury has sent the following circular to the different Supervising Inspectors:

SIR:—The department has decided hereafter to allow the use on steam vessels of all cork life-preservers adjusted to the body of a person by whomsoever manufactured, when such preservers are so constructed as to meet the requirements of rules 51 and 94 adopted by the Board of Supervising Steamboat Inspectors, and made of good sound cork blocks, containing at least six pounds of cork, having a buoyancy of four pounds to a pound of cork, with belts and shoulderstraps attached in such manner as to exclude the possibility of their being accidentally detached from the body, and so constructed as to place the cork underneath the shoulders and around the bodies of the persons wearing them. In passing preservers inspectors will therefore pay no attention to the list of manufacturers appended to Department Circular of November 6, 1871.

Very respectfully,

GEO. S. BOUTWELL, Sec'y.

—An effort is being made in Congress to have the Louisville Canal made free—a bill has been introduced to that effect by Mr. Holman, of Indiana. It provides that the Secretary of the Treasury shall ascertain the amount necessary to quiet all claims, and that these shall be assumed by the Government, and that thereafter only such rate of tolls shall be charged as will pay the expenses of keeping it in repair. It provides that all jurisdiction from individuals and the State of Kentucky shall be transferred to the United States, and all moneys in the hands of the company at the time of transfer be paid into the National Treasury.

—On the subject of the Ohio floods, a correspondent writes as follows: The great flood of 1852, followed by the still greater one of that of 1847, were during the last of winter. During the last days in February, 1851, there was a very high stage of water, with 44 feet in the channel, at the foot of the falls. The greatest rise or freshet since the floods of '52 and '47 was on the 26th to the 29th of February, 1859, when the channel depth of the river at the foot of the falls was 55 feet 5 inches, as indicated by the marks on the abutments of the falls, which occurred in 1832.

—The Memphis & St. Louis Packet Company have been employed to prevent further work in the construction of their elevator at Memphis. Other parties claim that a similar franchise was granted them a few days ago by the Tennessee Legislature, and that Memphis had no right to authorize the construction of an elevator.

—The heavy snow of Friday so rotted the ice in Barren river that the Bowling Green was grounded in the channel at the foot of Bowling Green, where she is now safely moored.

—The Texas Transportation Company has been partially merged into the Houston Navigation Company by the purchase by the latter of the steamers Charles Fowler for $30,000.

—The Madison (Ind.) Boatmen's Association has completed its organization by electing John R. Smart as President, T. B. Scribling Secretary, and Jas. Barton Treasurer.

—We understand that one milling firm in Peoria, Ill., has 4,000 barrels of flour at Cairo, destined for New Orleans, which is obliged to await the opening of the river.

—The new ferry-boat built by James Howard & Co., at Jeffersonville, to ply between Natchez and Vidalia made a satisfactory trial trip on Saturday.

—Capt. R. Sinnot now has command of the St. Marys, in the New Orleans and Ouachita trade; Capt. Andy Robinson, Jr., is still in the office.

—Hugh McCullough, mate of the U. S. snagboat D. Long, died at Memphis, recently of pneumonia.

—It is reported that Capt. Thomas F. Shields will soon marry a Louisville lady.

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THE LOVER'S DUEL.

Vankirk vs. Johnson.

THE FULL TALE TOLD.

Prosecution Ended.

COMMENCES.

If Harriet Vankirk and Josiah Johnson had entered into an arrangement to largely advertise themselves in the interests of cancer curing wild tea, or any other latter day humbug, they could not have accomplished their end better than by the enactment of the legal duel they are now fighting in the presence of a dignified bench and sober-sided box of jurymen in the District Court. Their names are upon everybody's lips, and speculations as to the result are the main-stay of the popular conversation of the hour. We believe Josiah counts a majority among the sympathizers on the fair side of the house, for women are always envious of their own sex, but Harriet comes in for the lion's share of manly friendliness. But after all, talk as we may about the matter in kitchen, dining-room or parlor, in private or public places, those twelve solid men, who, with countenances turn away the joke and jest of jovial counselmen with frigid indifference, as though a relenting smile might prejudice the case one way or another—have to decide whether or not Josiah P. Johnson has wantonly trifled with the sweet affections of Hattie Vankirk, and if so, how much and to what amount. They will tell fairy, truthfully and honestly, and let all maidens and promise-giving matrimonially inclined bachelors and widowers paste the verdict in their scrap-books, and forever after profit from its lesson. Now, many of our readers are foolish enough to value a human heart just as they would a turkey or gobbler. The heart throbbing under the bodice of a young, fresh and tender maiden is judged commonly to be worth its weight in diamonds and carbonate is the man who steals it from its cast away; but demoralized humanity is wont to think that the matured heart, which beats in musical regularity and has been attuned to the ways of the world, knows of its sorrows and dec-its, has jumped in the experience of earthly joys or been stilled by worldly woes, is of little market value. We can draw no line of distinction, for the love of the grandmother must be worth as much as the living devotion of the darling infant. Man needs a coon rade of the softer sex, a sharer in his fortunes and a consoler in misfortunes, and to the ways of the world, knows of its sorrows and dec-its, has jumped in the experience of earthly joys or been stilled by worldly woes, is of little market value. We can draw no line of distinction, for the love of the grandmother must be worth as much as the living devotion of the darling infant. Man needs a coon rade of the softer sex, a sharer in his fortunes and a consoler in misfortunes, and so the world goes on, the ebb and flow of blushing damsel of sweet sixteen, the spruce, precise and matronly maiden of three and thirty, or well on to it, and her sister subject, late out found, in his grandmother. Solace is what he wants, whether wrapped in silver cloth or brown paper. Thus, having fully discussed our readers of any idea they may have entertained as to our impartiality in this very important love affair between the beautiful Josiah and the persecuted Harriet we shall proceed to discharge our honest duty as a record to the delicious morsels of fresh manner as they fell upon overcrowded and uncomfortable

THE ATTENDANCE.

room was thronged as on the day before, to its greatest capacity, and the interest in the case, instead of diminishing, gave evidence of increase. Every available seat in each aisle drew even better than a new sensational play at the theatre, but gossip must be supplied, and those who have failed to be supplied, and those who have failed to be supplied, and those who have failed to